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### RADIOLOGICAL DEMONSTRATION UNIT

OCDM Item No. CD V-457, Model No. 2

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### PART I

# INSTALLATION, OPERATION, THEORY AND MAINTENANCE

### Section I

### PRECAUTIONS

High voltages exist in this equipment, and dangerous radiations may be encountered when using this equipment. Follow standard radiological safety measures in the use of this equipment. The following tabulation lists all specific precautions which should be observed.

- (1) Do not handle the radioactive source unnecessarily. While the radiation intensity of the source is relatively low in terms of bodily hazard, the source should only be handled as required for operating the equipment and performing the experiments outlined herein.
- (2) High voltages are present in the geiger tube (900) volts and in the plate circuit of vacuum tube V4 (2000 volts). Although these voltages have extremely low current ratings, only authorized personnel should attempt to disassemble or repair the instrument.
- (3) The instrument requires 100-120 volts, 50-60 cycles A-C power. Do not connect the instrument to an improper source.

### Section 2

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

# . Scope of the Manual, Part I

part I of the manual contains information related to the installation, operation, theory, and maintenance of Radio-logical Demonstration Unit, OCDM Item No. CD V-457, Model No. 2. Table I below is a listing of the contents of the shipping and storage case and reference numbers which are shown in Figure 1.

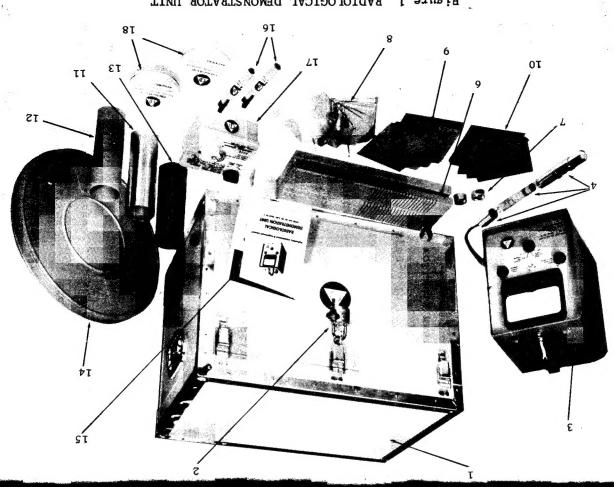
Table 1

# COMPONENTS OF RADIOLOGICAL DEMONSTRATOR UNIT

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COMPONENTS	QUANTI TY	REF. NO.
Shipping and Storage Case	т	г
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Radiological Demonstration Unit	. 🛏	က :
Probe and Cable Assembly	, <b>T</b>	4
Accessories		
Spare GM Tube, OCDM Type 6993	93 1	, <u>,</u> ,
Calibrated Mounting Board	· +	. •
Radium Beta-Gamma Sources	2	6
Flat Aluminum Absorbers	14	) ∞
Flat Cardboard Absorbers	20	6
Flat Lead Absorbers	10	10
Cylindrical Aluminum Absorber	er 1	11
Cylindrical Cardboard Absorber	ber 1	12
Cylindrical Lead Absorber	1	13
Film Container	T.	14
Instruction Manual	2 1	15
OCDM Radiological Instruments (Thitems may be shipped separately)	(These y)	
Dosimeters, CD V-138	25	16
Chargers, CD V-750	<b>.</b>	17
Food and Water Standards CD V-787	10	[18]

Purpose

The Radiological Demonstration Unit and associated comsities and for demonstrating basic radiation physics. The ponents are intended for use in measuring radiation inten-



instrument can be used in a wide variety of applications such as checking apparatus, equipment, and areas for contamination in radiation safety measurements.

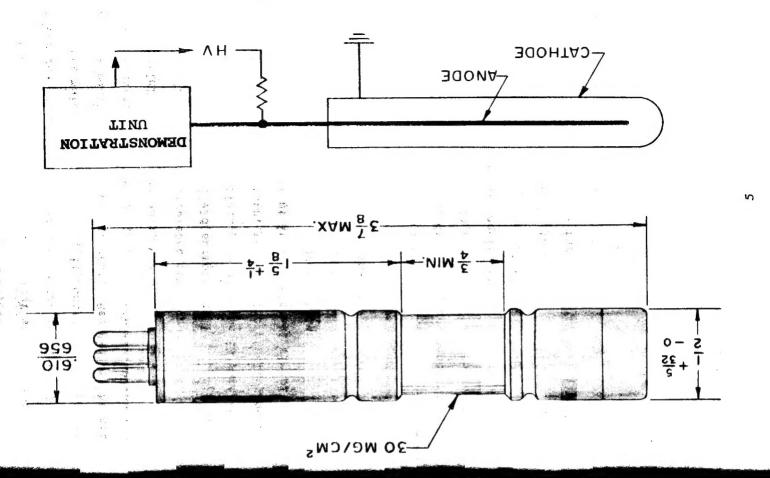
### . Description

As indicated in Table I and Figure 1, the complete storage case contains a Demonstration Unit, accessories, and standard OCDM Radiological Instruments. A description of the major components is presented below together with a brief summary of how these instruments are used in the study of radioactivity.

## a. G-M Detector Tube

The G-M Detector Tube, shown as part of Item 4 in Figure 1, is a gas-filled metal tube designed to detect beta and gamma radiations emanating from radioactive materials. It is 3-3/4" in length and has a diameter of 5/8". As shown in Figure 2, the tube consists of two electrodes: a fine metal wire (anode) located in the center of the tube and an outer cylindrical cathode, part of whose length is thinwalled. The tube is filled with a small amount of halogen gas and an inert gas such as argon. In operation, a potential difference of approximately 900 volts is maintained between the anode and the cathode, with the anode always positive.

The principle of operation of the geiger tube is based on its ability to detect the formation of ions caused by nuclear radiation, which may consist of high energy rays or electrically charged particles originating in the nuclei of atoms. When a nuclear ray or particle passes close to an atom, it has sufficient energy to dislodge an electron from the outer orbit of the atom. Originally, the atom was electrically neutral; however, the removal of the negative



electron converts the atom to a positively charged ion.

flow into the external counting circuit although ions and

nected to the tube. Each surge or pulse of current is amplified As it passes voltage maintained in the tube, these positively and negatively Attracted by this powerful field, one electron is sufficiently the above in mind, consider what happens when of the high wire, the intensity of the field surrounding it is very high. in the radioactivity demonstrator and causes a measurable deit ionizes the molecules Since the positive electrode (anode) is a fine accelerated to produce, in turn, an avalanche of electrons, charged a surge of current in the external circuit and creates positive ions and electrons. Because charged particles are attracted to the oppositely nuclear ray or particle enters the geiger tube. flection of the meter needle of the instrument. the tube, gas molecules in Keeping resulting in electrodes. close to

current for each nuclear ray or particle that activates it. geiger tube is designed to deliver only one pulse a halogen-quench amount quenching gas is to suppress any further electron avalanches in the tube until another nuclear ray or particle enters the this This is accomplished in several different ways depending of tube, as is supplied with this equipment, a very small of halogen gas such as bromine or chlorine is added The purpose quenching gas is complex In the case of inert gas (argon) that fills the tube. the type of tube being used. not thoroughly understood of the The action tube.

An important consideration in operating the geiger tube is the electrical potential maintained across the two electrodes. With the potential at zero, no current pulses

each ionization, no matter how small, will produce an electron radiation geiger vo1approximately remains essentially constant as the high voltage is increased. tage is increased to 860 volts, a sharp rise in the number of change occurs in the number of output pulses. If the voltage leve1 of nuclear In this region, at low radiation small amplitude begin to flow in the external circuit of current performance voltage is progressively increased, a point is reached where range The geiger plateau is complete discharge. It fails to quench itself and continues is increased beyond the plateau, the geiger tube goes into Most voltage level at which this avalanche occurs is called the entering As shown, the at this voltage is valueless, of course, since there is no relationship a voltage Further, When a small voltage is applied, pulses of to form large numbers of pulses even though there is number of pulses resulting from a given intensity of some of the electrons are attracted to the anode. avalanche which quickly spreads throughout the tube. 1000 volts (the geiger plateau), only a relatively between the number of output pulses and the amount freed electrons, however, recombine with ions. threshold (V<sub>+</sub>) begins at approximately 820 volts. output pulses occurs; however, from 860 volts to illustrated in Figure 3, which depicts a typical electrons are being formed by nuclear radiation intensities, all pulses are of equal height. geiger threshold. It marks the beginning of curve of a halogen-quenched geiger tube. Operating the tube This is known as the geiger plateau. as the geiger region. ionizing radiation. tube. very known the Jo as

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The different penetrating abilities of the varioues of radiation can be used to advantage when it is



(3) The voltage was increased in 20-volt steps, and the counting rate was recorded at each voltage point.

(2) Reference source placed in central groove on califrom the probe, with the labelled surface of the source facing the probe.

The curve was obtained under the following conditions:

(1) Probe containing g-m tube placed in clip on

calibrated mounting board, with probe shutter open.

HIGH AOLTAGE 086 096 01/6 920 006 048 850 088 008 3200 Tube Type: COUNTS £66900 000tr PER 00Sty 0009 TOUR ! 0099 gyope Plateau

desirable to use a single tube for different applications as, for example, measuring beta radiation in the presence of gamma radiation and vice versa. This is accomplished by means of the Probe Assembly described below.

# b. Probe and Cable Assembly

Figure 1. As can be seen, the Probe section consists of a metal cylinder which is sealed at its forward end and which is open and internally threaded at its rear end. In addition, the probe is provided with a metal shield which can be rotated to expose the geiger tube inside the probe. In operation, a measurement is taken with the shield open, i.e., with the wall of the tube exposed. This measurement provides an indication of the combined beta and gamma radiation. A measurement is then taken of the gamma intensity alone by rotating the shield until it covers the tube, thereby preventing the beta particles from entering. By subtracting the gamma measurement from the total, the effect of the beta contribution may be obtained.

# c. Radiological Demonstration Unit

The Radiological Demonstration Unit is shown as item 3 in Figure 1. This instrument accepts input pulses from the geiger tube, and indicates the presence of radioactivity by means of a flashing neon bulb, a volume-controlled loudspeaker, and a large panel meter. The geiger probe and cable assembly are integrally connected to the instrument through the rear panel. The rear panel also contains a mounting clamp and brackets for securing the probe and cable assembly, brackets for the power cord, two fuse receptacles, and an external meter connector. As shown in Figure 4, the front panel of the

Demonstration Unit contains the following controls and indica-

the front panel, the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT knob is used to regulate the amount of high voltage being applied to the geiger tube. As this control knob is rotated clockwise, the voltage is increased.

panel, provides a dual reading of both the high voltage and the number of pulses or counts being received from the geiger tube. The scale of the meter is graduated from 0 to 1500 in major divisions of 100 each. Depending upon the mode of operation of the instrument, the reading on the meter scale indicates either the number of volts being applied to the geiger tube or the number of counts being received from the geiger tube.

SELECTOR KNOB: The selector knob, though not labeled as such, is located in the lower center portion of the front panel. This control is used to select the mode of operation for the instrument. Its four positions are OFF, HIGH VOLTAGE CHECK, COUNTS PER MINUTE X1. The OFF position, de-energizes the instrument. In the HIGH VOLTAGE CHECK position, the panel meter is switched into the high voltage circuit so that the meter reads the amount of high voltage being applied to the geiger tube; in the COUNTS PER MINUTE X10 position, the panel meter is switched into the ratemeter circuit such that the meter reading multiplied by 10 represents the number of counts being received from the geiger tube (this position is also referred to as the 15,000 CPM range of the instrument); the COUNTS PER MINUTE X1 position performs the same function as the preceding setting except that it places the meter in the 1500 CPM range, i.e., the meter reading corresponds to the number of counts being received.

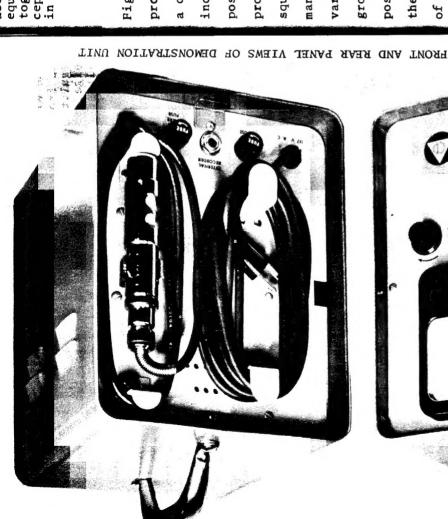
LOUDSPEAKER LOUDNESS: Located in the upper right corner of the front panel, the LOUDSPEAKER LOUDNESS knob controls the volume of the speaker located within the instrument. The speaker emits a clicking sound each time a pulse is received from the geiger tube.

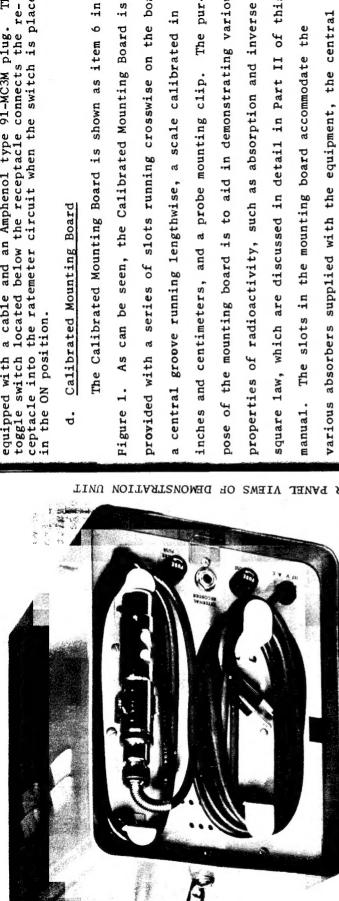
The rear panel of the Demonstration Unit, shown in

Figure 4, contains the following receptacles:

FUSE: The FUSE receptacle houses a one-ampere fuse. It is opened by depressing the fuse holder and rotating the holder in the direction indicated.

SPARE FUSE: One spare fuse is housed in this holder, which is opened in the same manner as described above. If the spare fuse is used, care should be taken to refill the holder with a replacement fuse as soon as possible.





ceptacle into the ratemeter circuit when the switch is placed accommodate any standard 1-ma, 1500-ohm strip chart recorder toggie switch located below the receptacle connects the re-EXTERNAL RECORDER: The EXTERNAL RECORDER receptacle will equipped with a cable and an Amphenol type 91-MC3M plug. in the ON position.

# Calibrated Mounting Board

mounting board provides the means for creating the reproducible provided with a series of slots running crosswise on the board, pose of the mounting board is to aid in demonstrating various square law, which are discussed in detail in Part II of this groove accepts the radioactive source, and the mounting clip positions the probe assembly crosswise so that the center of The importance Part II is covered. For the moment, suffice to say that the inches and centimeters, and a probe mounting clip. The purproperties of radioactivity, such as absorption and inverse central groove running lengthwise, a scale calibrated in various absorbers supplied with the equipment, the central geometries required for many experiments in radioactivity. mounting board will become more apparent to the reader as manual. The slots in the mounting board accommodate the the calibrations and the positioning features of the the probe window falls at the center groove.

# Radium Beta-Gamma Sources

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Pigure 4

the operation of the geiger tube and the radioactivity demonstrator and for the various experiments described in Part II. The Radium Beta-Gamma Sources are shown as item 7 in beta and gamma radiation which is required both for checking Figure 1. As their name implies, these sources provide the

It should be noted that the optimum radiation of beta particles will be obtained from the face of the source that is printed white.

# . Flat and Cylindrical Absorbers

the Calibrated Mounting in and one alumiwith the flat absorbers, num cylindrical absorber, two inches in diameter, six inches 4 inches square by approximately absorbers are provided for use in the experiments described experiments desand 10 Fourteen aluminum, twenty cardboard, and ten lead These are shown 6 œ one lead, items in the as 1/32-inch thick to fit in the slots of cardboard, by 1/32-inch thick are provided. As shown use are the cylinders are designed for items 11, 12 and 13 in Figure Each absorber is one absorbers In addition, flat in Part cribed Board. long

### Section 3

THEORY OF OPERATION

Since the theory of operation of the geiger tube was discussed in Paragraph 4a of Section 2, this section will b devoted to a description of the electrical theory of opera-

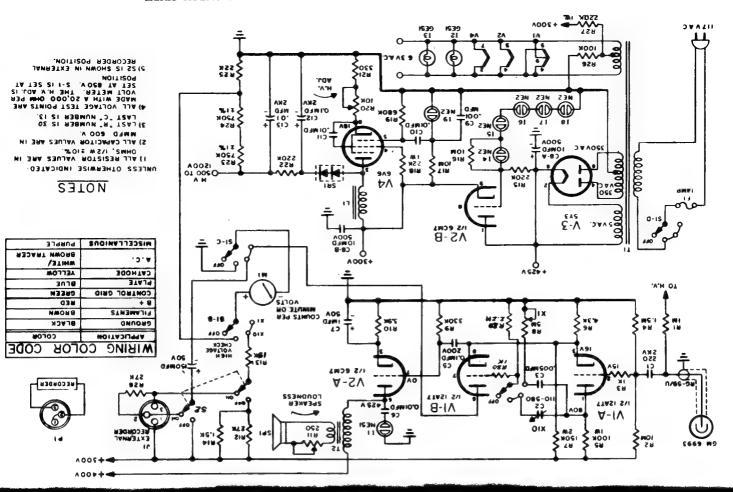
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### . Input Circuit

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The resulting When the high voltage applied As shown in the schematic diagram of Pigure 5, regulated positive high voltage is supplied to the geiger tube through current flows each means of through the load resistor for ionizing ray or particle that enters the tube. bу HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT control, a pulse of the geiger tube has been properly set RI. 1-megohm load resistor, tube geiger the from 2



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V1A is applied to its grid via voltage divider resistors R2 and R4. being Since the grid of approximately voltage drop across the load resistor produces a negative ground potential, the 16-volt bias effectively normally conducting because of the positive potential VIA. univibrator VIA produces a voltage drop of 16 volts at the cathodes of VIA and VIB. the of grid maintains V1B at cut-off. the voltage at Conduction of at oť

developed across R1 is applied to the grid of V1A via coupling When the geiger tube is activated, the negative pulse Since V1A is normally conducting, the negative This positive pulse is coupled to the V1B grid via capacitor C2 or time that V1B will conduct. grid bias of V1B, V1B begins to conduct, thereby raising the As the positive pulse exceeds the of VIA and S1-A. time required for C3 to become fully charged via the resis-(With S1-A in the X1 position, C3 is used; with S1-A in the or C3, Each coupling capacitor comprises one portion of an RC net-**R8**. to the As V1A This time period is a function of the time required for C2 whichever is being used, is charged to this new potential. which, in turn, produces a positive pulse at the plate of VlA. tance of R29 in parallel with the resistance setting of depending on the position of the selector switch, supply potential (+ 300 V) and coupling capacitor C2 or becomes non-conducting, its plate voltage is raised VIA VIB, thus driving VIA further negative to cut-off. of R29 potential across the common cathode resistor (R6) of pulse causes a decrease in the plate current to become fully charged via the resistance which controls the length of position C2 is used.) capacitor C1. C3,

between successive pulses from the geiger tube is considerably the entire after each input responding drop in the common cathode potential of VIA and Since the average time As C2 (or C3) discharges, the amplitude of the positive the VIB becomes progressively smaller until longer than the duration of the conduction of V1B, When V1B cuts off, circuit reverts to its steady-state condition permits V1A to conduct again. V1B. normal grid bias cuts off grid of pulse.

pulse

## Ratemeter Circuit

Since capacitor C4 is shunted by resis-VIB is integrated through an R-C network consisting of capacitor R13 in series with the meter, the average current through output of Each time V1B conducts an increment count conducts) is identical to the frequency of the pulses coming the pulses charging this capacitor are constant, the frethe meter is thus a measure of the average rate at which inby the While the amplitudes This reading (X1 position of selector switch) or the 0-15,000 cpm range range meter for a given pulse rate can be varied by varying the which V1B actually represents the average number of counts per unit the The output of VIB is used to provide the reading of cribed previously, the charging period is determined 뉴 constants associated with either the 0-1500 cpm In order to obtain this average reading, the The average current length of the charging period per pulse in VIA-B. at which appears on the front panel meter. quency at which they occur (or the frequency charge is applied to capacitor C4. coming pulses trigger VIA-B. and resistor R12. geiger tube. the C4 from tor of

(XIO position of the selector switch)

output

The cathode

voltage produced across the neon tubes.

### 3. Audio Circuit

Aural and visual indications of radioactivity are derived from the output of V2A. This tube is self-biased very close to cut-off by cathode resistor R10. An input pulse from the common cathode of V1, coupled via C5 to the grid of V2A, effectively overcomes the grid bias and causes V2A to conduct. The output pulse from V2A is fed directly through transformer T2 to the speaker, and also via capacitor C6 to the neon bulb, I1.

# 4. Power Supply Circuit

from which the regulated B+ voltage is derived. The secondary This output voltige across C8A, however, is unregulated, voltage is achieved by employing the 425-volt output to ignite A cathode follower tial, which in this case is being held constant by the stable rectifier and whose 425-volt output is filtered by capacitor Regulated series of neon glow tubes I4 through I8, thereby producpotential of V2B is very closely related to the grid potenwindings of T1 consist of a 5-volt a-c winding to power the The primary winding of transformer Il receives 110v ac, filaments of V3; a 6.3-vclt winding to power the filaments winding is connected to V3, which functions as a full-wave is essentially a unity gain amplifier. Thus, the cathode This stable voltage is applied to the grid of The secondary ing across the sum of these tubes a constant potential of V1, V2, V4, I2, and I3; and a 350-volt a-c winding and will tend to vary as the line voltage varies. V2B, which is used as a cathode follower. 50-60 cps, via the contacts of switch S1. 290 volts.

voltage applied to the control grid causes the plate current of The negative portion of the sawtooth plate current of V4 increases during the slow rise of its grid voltage, energy is stored in the magnetic field of plate choke mately 2000 volts to exist on the plate of V4. This oscillatequal to the striking voltage of 19 is reached. At this point tooth voltage across C9 is coupled via C10 to the control grid ing voltage is then rectified by half-wave rectifier SR1, and collapses and causes a damped oscillating voltage of approxithe I9 conducts heavily and instantaneously discharges C9, wherethe amount of high voltage being generated) is controlled by The voltage sharp fall of its grid voltage, the magnetic field around Ll ground across R16 (+300V) slowly charges capacitor C9 until a value geiger tube. The amount of current change in V4 (and hence as the HIGH When filtered by C12, R21, and C13 before being applied to the During the positive portion of the sawtooth wave, (300 volts) regulated, is applied to a relaxation VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT on the front panel of the instrument. As soon as the plate current of V4 is cut off by upon C9 begins to charge again, repeating the cycle. varying the resistance between the cathode of V4 and voltage drives the control grid rapidly to cut-off. R16, C9 and I9. by means of resistor R20, which is designated oscillator circuit consisting of V4 to build up gradually. of V4. L1.

# 5. Chart Recorder Circuit

The recorder circuit in the Demonstration Unit is comprised of toggle switch S2, resistor R28, and recorder jack J1. The strip-chart recorder that is to be used with the Demonstration

Unit must be equipped with a cable and an Amphenol type 91-MC3M plug, which has been jumpered as shown in Figure 5. The toggle switch arrangement is so designed that the plate impedance of VlB is maintained under any mode of operation to insure a correct meter reading and to provide the necessary critical damping for the recorder.

With S1 in either the X1 or X10 position and S2 in the OFF position, the meter return to B+ follows the path through R13 and the parallel resistance network of R12 and R14. When a chart recorder is used, S2 is placed in the ON position, thereby bypassing the parallel resistance network of R12 and R13 and substituting R28 in parallel with the 1500-ohm impedance of the recorder.

### Section 4

### INSTALLATION

# 1. Unpacking the Equipment

As shown in Fig. 6A-B, the demonstration unit, accessories, instruction manuals, and radiological instruments are packed in the various labelled storage compartments of the shipping and storage case. The upper section of the storage case contains the radioactive sources, the spare g-m tube, dosimeters, and two instruction manuals; the lower section contains the demonstration instrument, food and water standards, training film containers, absorbers, cylinders, calibrated mounting board, and dosimeter chargers.

After removing the storage case from its cardboard shipping container, remove the padlock, release the two pull catches, and raise the lid of the storage case to expose the lower section. Remove the demonstration unit and the mounting board

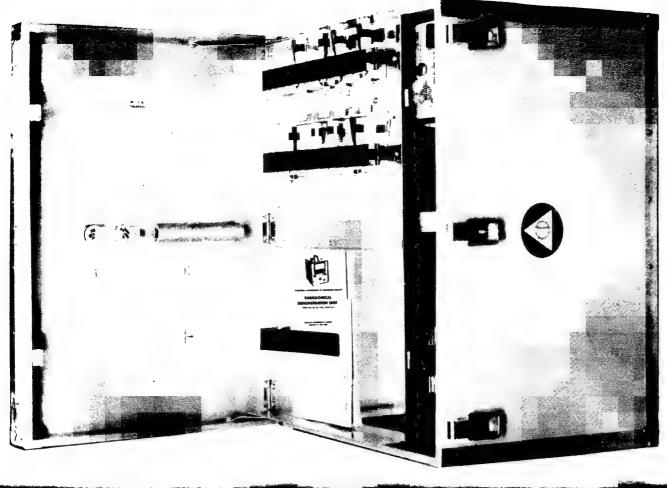


Figure 6A SHIPPING AND STORAGE CASE, INNER LID OPEN

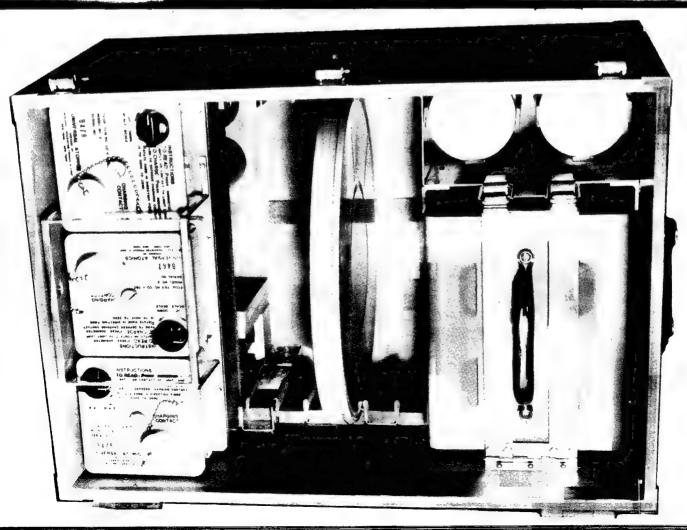


Figure 6B SHIPPING AND STORAGE CASE, INNER LID CLOSED

from their compartments, release the two pull catches of the inner lid to expose the upper compartment, and remove one radioactive source. Next, follow the procedure below to place the instrument into its proper operating condition.

# 2. Operating the Demonstration Unit

- Step 1: Unwind the power cord and the geiger probe and tube from their respective storage brackets at the rear of the instrument.
- Step 2: Open the rotating shield of the geiger probe and place the probe in the mounting clip of the calibration board. Locate the radioactive source in the central groove of the mounting board at a distance of 12 inches from the probe.
- Make certain that the white source face marked "Radium Beta-Gamma Source" is facing the probe.
- Step 3: With the selector knob in the OFF position, plug the power cord into any 110-v a-c outlet.
- Step 4: Rotate the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT control\_fully counter-clockwise.
- Step 5: Place the EXTERNAL RECORDER toggle switch in the OFF position.
- Step 6: Turn the selector knob to the HIGH VOLTAGE CHECK position.
- Step 7: Allow the instrument to warm-up for a period of at least one minute.
- Step 8: Rotate the LOUDSPEAKER LOUDNESS control fully clockwise.
- Step 9: Slowly rotate the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT control clockwise until clicks just begin to be heard from the loudspeaker. Note the voltage reading indicated on the panel meter. This reading represents the starting voltage of the geiger tube (V<sub>S</sub>), approximately 820 volts.
- Step 10: Raise the high voltage to 80 volts above the  $V_{\rm S}$  (to approximately 900 volts) by slowly rotating the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT control clockwise. This is the operating voltage ( $V_{\rm O}$ ) of the geiger tube.
- Step 11: Rotate the selector knob to the XI position and observe the reading on the panel meter. This reading should be approximately 800 to 1200

counts per minute.

Step 12: To turn the instrument off, rotate the HIGH VOLTAGE ADJUSTMENT control fully counter-clockwise and place the selector knob in the OFF position.

### Section 5

### OPERATION

Before using the instrument to measure radioactivity, make certain that the proper operating voltage is being applied to the geiger tube by repeating Steps 2 through 10 as described above.

# l. Using The Instrument For General Survey

- Step 1: Connect an extension cord (15 feet or longer) to the power cord of the instrument.
- Step 2: Place the instrument in operation as described in Section 4.
- Step 3: Turn the LOUDSPEAKER LOUDNESS control fully clockwise.
- Step 4: Place the selector knob in the X10 position.
- Step 5: With the geiger probe in hand, slowly move about the area to be surveyed, listening for clicks from the loudspeaker. As the radioactive object or area is approached, the frequency of loudspeaker clicks will increase. Continue moving in this direction until the point of maximum radiation intensity is found.
- Step 6: To determine the intensity of radiation in counts per minute, refer to the reading on the panel meter.
- Step 7: Multiply the meter reading by 10 to obtain the actual number of counts/minute (since the selector knob was placed in the X10 position in step 3). If the reading on the meter is less than 1500, switch to a lower scale by placing the selector knob in the X1 position.

# . Measuring Beta and Gamma Radiation

Step 1: Slide the rotating shield of the geiger probe to the open position.

- Step 2: Take a meter reading as described above. This reading is the sum of beta and gamma radiation.
- Step 3: Close the rotating shield of the geiger probe and take another meter reading. This reading represents the gamma radiation only.
- Step 4: Subtract the second reading from the first to obtain the amount of beta radiation.

# 3. Connecting a Strip-Chart Recorder

- Step 1: Connect a cable and an Amphenol type 91-MC3M type plug to the recorder.
- Step 2: Connect a jumper wire between pins 1 and 2 of the Amphenol plug. (Refer to the diagram in the Figure 5.)
- Step 3: Insert the recorder plug into the EXTERNAL RE-CORDER receptacle located at the rear panel of the Demonstration Unit.
- Step 4. Place the EXTERNAL RECORDER toggle switch in the ON position.
- Step 5: Place the Demonstration Unit into operation as described in Section 4.

### Section 6

## OPERATOR'S MAINTENANCE

In the event that instrument malfunction is encountered, the operator may attempt to restore satisfactory operation of the instrument by replacing the fuse and/or the geiger tube. This form of maintenance, however, should only be undertaken if the following symptoms are evident:

If the panel meter does not light up after the selector knob has been placed in any position, Inspect the fuse, and replace if it is burned out.

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If no reading of count rate appears on the panel meter even though the proper operating voltage is being applied to the geiger tube and a radiactive source is placed next to the geiger tube. (Replace the geiger tube).

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### CAUTION

DISCONNECT THE POWER CORD BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE THE FUSE OR THE GEIGER TUBE

## Replacing the Fuse

The fuse receptacle is located on the rear panel of the

instrument. To open the receptacle, depress the receptacle knob and rotate it counter-clockwise. Remove the fuse and examine it to determine whether the metal element is broken. If the fuse is defective, replace it with the fuse located in the SPARE FUSE receptacle.

If replacing the fuse does not restore satisfactory operation of the instrument, the instrument may require corrective maintenance.

# 2. Replacing the Geiger Tube

Remove the geiger tube from the probe housing by unscrewing the probe housing from its associated connector. Grasp the geiger tube by the base and gently withdraw it from the probe housing. Reverse the above procedure to replace the geiger tube with the spare tube located in the upper section of the shipping and storage case. Here again, if replacing the geiger tube does not restore satisfactory operation of the instrument, the instrument should be serviced by a trained repairman.

### Section 7

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

formed periodically to keep it in good working order. The instrument and associated accessories should always be kept in the shipping and storage case to prevent the accumulation of dirt and moisture. The exterior surfaces of the instrument and probe should be wiped with a clean dry cloth if any dirt or dust accumulates. The front and rear panel screws and the control knobs should be checked occasionally for tightness with a screwdriver, but should not be tightened excessively.

The case, front panel, and carrying handle of the instrument should be inspected for evidence of rust and corrosion. At the same time, the instrument should be checked for normal operation as described in Section 4, and the probe and power cables should be inspected for cuts, breaks, fraying, kinks and deterioration.

### Section 8

## CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE

### WARNING

HIGH VOLTAGES EXIST IN THE INSTRUMENT AND IN THE GEIGER TUBE CIRCUIT. DISCONNECT THE POWER CORD BEFORE UNDERTAKING MAINTENANCE.



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This section contains general information to aid personnel in trouble shooting and repair of the Radiological Demonstration Instrument. For proper servicing, a 20,000 ohm/ volt multimeter and an electron tube tester will be required.

## 2. Preliminary Checks

By careful visual and mechanical inspection, troubles may often be easily located before any electrical measurements are required. To perform visual inspection of the instrument interior, remove the instrument from its case by unscrewing the four screws located at the top, bottom, and sides of the front panel and the two screws located at the top and bottom of the rear panel. Slide the instrument forward until it is out of the case.

- (a) Check for swelling or leaky capacitors.
- (b) Check that all tubes are properly seated in their sockets.
- Check both the power and geiger probe cables for breaks.

- (d) Check for frayed or damaged wiring.
- (e) Check for possible shorts due to physical movement of parts.

# 3. Localization of Faults

as indicated in Table III. Refer to Figures 7A and 7B to estabis recommended, therefore, that the vacuum tubes in the affectsymptoms will usually make it possible to localize the trouble can be localized by taking voltage and resistance measurements (Resistor R10 is located immediately below the recorder toggle cuit, and an audio circuit. Careful consideration of trouble Commonly encountered trouble symptoms an input circuit, a power supply circuit, a ratemeter cir-As was described previously, the instrument is comprised For example, if the i.e., clicks can be heard from the loudspeaker and the meter Jack J1, switch S1B, and meter M1. In most cases of malfun-It faults which cannot be recognized as due to a defective tube and potentiometer R11. If the reverse situation occurs, panel meter is indicating the correct radiation reading and must lie in the audio circuit. Check tube V2A, transformer no clicks can be heard from the loudspeaker, the the fault is inoperative, check capacitor C4, resistors R12 and R13, ed circuit be checked first before undertaking voltage or termittent defects, partial shorts, and similar ambiguous ction, the fault will be due to a defective vacuum tube. and probable location of faults are listed in Table II. lish the physical location of the instrument components. switch and, therefore, cannot be seen in Figure 7B.) to one or more of these circuit groups. sistance measurements.

# 4. Calibration Procedure

Each time an electronic component in the instrument is

replaced, the instrument should be calibrated in each of its operating ranges. To perform the calibration, a signal generator having a 1.0-volt negative pulse with a rise time of 0.25 microsecond will be required.

- Step 1: Remove the instrument chassis from its case as described in Paragraph 2 of Section 8.
- Step 2: Remove the geiger tube and probe from the probecable assembly as described in Paragraph 2 of Section 6.
- Step 3: Connect a signal generator to the geiger tube socket with a 0.001-mfd capacitor rated at 2500 volts connected in series.
- Step 4: Connect the power cord to a 110-volt a-c line.
- Step 5: Rotate the selector knob to the XI position.
- Step 6: Set the signal generator to produce a signal having a frequency of 20 cps. This corresponds to a meter reading of 1200 cpm.
- Step 7: Observe the reading on the panel meter and rotate the XI screw shown in Figure 7A until the panel meter indicates 1200 cpm.
- Step 8: Rotate the selector knob to the X10 position.
- Step 9: Set the signal generator to produce a signal having a frequency of 200 cps (12,000 cpm)
- Step 10: Observe the reading on the panel meter and adjust the XIO screw shown in Figure 7A until the panel meter indicates 12,000 cpm.

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Table III

VOLTAGE AND RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

# TROUBLE-SHOOTING CHART

Check V2, V3. Check for low voltage at pin 9 of V2B. Check V4. Check R16, R17, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, C9, C10, C11, C12, C13, 19, SR1, L1. M1.	Check S1.
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. No high voltage indication on panel meter with selector knob in HV CHECK position.	
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Check g-m tube. Check V1.	Check contact of S1.	Check R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R7, R8, R12, R13, M1, S1, R29, C2, C3.	
33	$\mathfrak{S}_{4}$	(2)	
adioactive source	1tage presention of radi	on meter or from spe	

Check cathode resistance	Check for resistance leak- age between pin 1 and 7 of	VI. (3) Check C2 and C3.
(1)	(3)	(3)
. Constant meter reading on	adiation intensity.	

Check capacitor for that	range. Check switch contacts.
(1)	(2)
Same symptom as 3 above,	ige only.
Same sympto	on one range only

18v 800 ohms

425v

290v

16v 4.5k

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300v 110k

100v 80k

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100v 80k

330k

0 v 2 m

350vac 220ohms

425v

300v 500k

0v 800k

gnd

100v 80k

100v 80k

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225v 130k

350vac 220ohms

100v 80k

100v 80k

R5, J1,

100v

425v

15v

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V3

**V2** 

V1

PIN NO.

425v

80v 220k

300v 110k

21v 3.9k

16v 4.5k

Check V1, V2.	Check R12, R13, C4.	Check for intermittent	switch S1 contacts.	Check for intermittent
$\Xi$	(3)	(3)		(4)
Meter reading erratic or	abnormally high when tested	with radioactive source.		

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Check I2, I3.

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Meter face not illuminated, though instrument functions properly.

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at J1. Check R14, R15, I4 through (2)

Figure 7B BOTTOM VIEW OF DEMONSTRATION UNIT CHASSIS

#### PARTS LIST

	SYMBOL C1	DESCRIPTION Couples GM6993 to V1A grid	SPECIFICATIONS Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric, 220 mmfd, 2KV, +20%, disc		MFGR PART NO. 838	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 25
	C2	Couples V1A plate to V1B grid with S1 in X10 Pos.	Capacitor, variable, mica dielectric, 110-580 mmfd, 350V, +20%		4-67	RDA 26
33	С3	Couples V1A plate to V1B grid with S1 in X1 Pos.	Capacitor, fixed, paper dielectric, 0.005 mmfd, 500V, +20%,	Sangamo	Type 811	RDA 27
	C4	Pulse integra- tor capacitor	Capacitor, fixed, electrolytic, 150mfd, 50V, +20%	Aerovox Corp. No. Adams, Mass.	Type PRS	RDA 28
	C5	Couples V1 cath- ode to V2 grid	Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric,0.1 mfd, 200V, ±20%, disc		2-P1	RDA 29
	C6	D-C blocking capacitor for I1	Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric, 0.01 mfd, 500V, ±20%, disc	Erie Resistor Richfield, N.J.	Type 811	RDA 30

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	SYMBOL C7	DESCRIPTION V2A cathode bypass	SPECIFICATIONS Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric, 0.01 mfd, 500V, +20%, disc	MANUFACTURER Same as C5	MFGR PART NO. BER 1	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 31
	C8A	425-volt filter	Capacitor, fixed, electrolytic, 10/10 mfd,	Same as C5	Type UP	RDA 32
	C8B	+300-volt filter	500V, ±20%			
	С9	Charging capa- citor across 19	Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric, 0.001 mfd, 400V, +20%, disc	Same as C1	831	RDA 33
34	C10	Couples saw- tooth voltage to V4 grid	Same as C6	Same as C6	Type 811	RDA 30
	C11	V4 screen by- pass	Same as C6	Same as C6	Type 811	RDA 30
	C12	High voltage filter	Capacitor, fixed, paper dielectric, 0.1 mfd, 2KV, +20%, tubular	Goodall Electric Ogallala, Nebr.	522M	RDA 34
	C13	High voltage filter	Capacitor, fixed, ceramic dielectric, 0.01 mfd, 2KV. +20%, disc.	Same as C1	3878	RDA 35

### PARTS LIST

	SYMBOL FI	DESCRIPTION Fuses 110 VAC line	SPECIFICATIONS Fuse, 1 ampere, glass tube, ½" dia, 1½" long	MANUFACTURER Bussman Mfg. Div. St. Louis, Mo.	MFGR PART NO. AGC-1A	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 53
	GM 6993	Detects the presence of betagamma radiation	Geiger-Muller tube halogen self-quenching, thin wall, max, vdc 920V, min vdc 860V	Anton Electronic Brooklyn 37,N.Y.	OCDM 6993	RDU-1B
35	11	Provides visual indication of radiation intensity	Lamp, neon glow, miniature bayonet, 105-115V, 0.04W	General Electric Schenectady, N.Y.	NE51	RDA 41
	<b>I2=</b> 3	Illuminates pane	1Lamp, neon glow, bayo- net, 6.3V	Same as I1	GE 51	RDA 42
	<b>I4-</b> 9	Part of regulated 290-volt supply	Lamp, neon glow, minia- ture, pigtail leads	Same as I1	NE 2	RDA 43
	L1	V4 plate load inductor	Transformer, filter reactor, 62 henries, 10 ma, 3200 ohms	Freed Transformer Brooklyn, N.Y.	32692	RDA 46

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	SYMBOL M1	DESCRIPTION Provides indi- cation of high woltage and counts per minute	SPECIFICATIONS Meter, illuminated, rated at 0-1 ma, accuracy ±20% of full scale, resistance 100 ohms ±5%	MANUFACTURER Ideal Precision Meter Brooklyn, N.Y.	MFGR PART NO. 460B	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 39
	R1	GM6993 load resistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 1M, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Allen Bradley Milwaukee, Wisc.	Type EB	RDA 12
	R2	V1A grid vol- tage divider	Resistor, fixed, composition, 10M, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 6
36	R3	Parasitic sup- pressor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 1K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\frac{+}{10}$ %	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 7
	R4	V1A grid vol- tage divider	Resistor, fixed, composition, 1.5M, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\frac{+}{10}$ %	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 8
	R5	V1A plate load resistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 100K, 1W, +10%	Same as R1	Type GB	RDA 5
	R6	V1A-B common cathode resistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 4.3K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\frac{+10}{8}$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 2

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	SYMBOL R7	DESCRIPTION V1A-B cathode bleeder	SPECIFICATIONS Resistor, fixed, composition, 150K, 2W, ±10%	MANUFACTURER Same as R1	MFGR PART NO. Type HB-	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 11
	R8	V1B grid resis- tor	Potentiometer, variable, 5M, ±20%	Same as R1	JA 1GO24 S505 MA	RDA 14
	R9	V2A grid resis- tor	Resistor fixed, composition, 330K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 4
37	R10	V2A cathode re sistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 3.9K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 5
	R11	Speaker volume control	Potentiometer, variable, 250 ohms, ±20%	Same as R1	JA <b>1</b> GO40 P103TA	RDA 23
	R12	V1B plate load resistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 27K, ½W, ±10%	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 8
	R13	Shunt resistor for J1	Resistor, fixed, composition, 15K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 8a

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	SYMBOL R14	DESCRIPTION VIB plate load resistor	SPECIFICATIONS Resistor, fixed, composition, 1.5K, ½W, ±5%	MANUFACTURER Same as RI	MFGR PART NO. Type EB	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 1
	R15	V2B grid resis- tor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 100K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\frac{+}{10}$ %	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 9
	R16	V2B grid resis- tor	Same as R2	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 14
38	R17	I9 charging cur- rent resistor	Same as R2	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 14
•	R18	V4 screen resistor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 22K, 1W, +10%	Same as R1	Type GB	RDA 18
	R19	V4 grid resis- tor	Resistor, fixed, composition, $680K$ , $\frac{1}{2}W$ , $\frac{+}{5}$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 2
	R20		Potentiometer, variable, reverse logtaper, 10K, +20%	Same as R1	JA 1GO40 PS2 1MA	RDA 24
	R21	V4 cathode bias	Resistor, fixed, composition, 330 ohms, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10$	Same as R1 %	Type EB	RDA 3

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	SYMBOL R22	DESCRIPTION High voltage filter	SPECIFICATIONS Resistor, fixed, composition, 220K, ½W, ±10%	MANUFACTURER Same as R1	MFGR PART NO. Type EB	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 10
	R23	Meter multipli- er	Resistor, fixed, composition, 750K, 2W, ±1%	Same as R1	Type HB	RDA 21
	R24	Meter multipli- er	Same as R23	Same as R1	Type HB	RDA 21
39	R25	Meter Shunt	Resistor, fixed, composition, 22K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 7
	R26	Filament bleed- er	Resistor, fixed, composition, 100K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm$ 10%	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA9
	R27	Filament bleed- er	Resistor, fixed, composition, 220K, 1W, +10%	Same as R1	Type GB	RDA 19
	R28	Shunt resistor for P1	Same as R12	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 8
	R29	Part ofr-c net- work with C2 or C3	Resistor, fixed, composition, 2.2 M, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\frac{+}{10}$ %	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA 38

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	SYMBOL N/A	DESCRIPTION High voltage and signal cable between g-m tube and instrument	SPECIFICATIONS Cable Assembly, includes RDC8 through 15	MANUFACTURER Nucleonic Corp. of America Brooklyn, N.Y.	MFGR PART NO. Dwg # GSA- 001	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDU- 1CC
	S1	Selector switch for off, high voltage, and range positions	Switch, rotary, 4-pole, 4-position, non-short- ing	Same as R1	Type GB	RDA 19
40	S2	Recorder output switch	Switch, toggle, 2 pole- 2 Position	Carling Electric Incorporated West Hartford, Conn.	AA252- BL	RDA 36
	SP1	Provides aural indication of radiation in-tensity	Speaker, permanent mag- net, 4-inch	Becker Electronics Valley Stream, L.I.	Type PM	RDA 52
	SR≟1	High voltage rectifier	Rectifier, Selenium	Int. Rectifier Co. Los Angeles, Calif.	61-1505	RDA 51
	T1	Power supply transformer	Transformer, power, primary 1.5V 60cps, secondary 700V, 50ma, 5V, 2A,	Freed Transformer Brooklyn, N.Y.	32690	RDA 44

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	SYMBOL T2	DESCRIPTION Speaker trans- former	SPECIFICATIONS Transformer, primary impedance 7000 ohms, secondary impedance 4 ohms	MANUFACTURER Freed Transformer Brooklyn, N.Y.	MFGR PART NO. 32691	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 45
	V1A V1B	Univibrator	Electron tube, twin tri- ode, glass envelope	Amperex Electronic Hicksville, L.I.	12AT7	RĎA 47
41	V2A V2B	Audio amplifier Cath ode follow-	Electron tube, dual tri- ode, glass envelope	Tungsol Electric Newark, N.J.	6CM7	RDA 48
	<b>V</b> 3	Rectifies 350- VAC from T1 secondary	Electron, tube, full-wave rectifier, glass enve- lope	Tungsol Electric Newark, N.J.	5Y3	RDA 49
	V4	High voltage amplifier	Electron tube, beam po- wer pentode, glass en- velope	Same as V2A	6V6GT	RDA 50
	N/A	Connects 110-V AC power to instrument	Cable, line, type 18/2, over-all length 10.5ft., with #26 male plug	Cornish Wire Co. Williamstown, N.H.	CP, 18/	RDA 55

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<u>s</u>	SYMBOL N/A	DESCRIPTION Instrument chassis	SPECIFICATIONS Chassis, 8.0625"x8.8125", cold rolled steel, in- cludes RDA2, RDA3		UFA as			MFGR PART NO. Dwg # GSA- 008	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA100
	N/A	Tube cable mounting brack-ets, 1pr.	Bracket, aluminum	Same	as	RDA	80	Dwg # GSA- 010	RDA106
42	N/A	Line cord mount- ing brackets, 1 pr.	Bracket, aluminum	Same	as	RDA	80	Dwg # GSA- 010	RDA106
	N/A	Instrument cabi- net	Case, 10.625"x15.875", cold rolled steel, includes RDA108, RDA109, RDA110, RDA111	Same	as	RDA	80	Dwg # GSA- 011	RDA107
	N/A	Front panel of instrument	Panel, Front, Aluminum	Same	as	RDA	80	Dwg # GSA- 012	RDA103
	N/A	Instrument carrying handle	Handle	Same	as	RDA	80	Dwg # GSA- 013	RDA 94

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			PARIS LI	31	MECD	MILOT PONT
	SYMBOL N/A	DESCRIPTION Socket for V1, V2	SPECIFICATIONS Socket, tube, 9-pin, top mounting	MANUFACTURER Elco Sales Co. Philadelphia, Pa.	MFGR PART NO. 196	STOCK NO. RDA 56
	N/A	Socket for V3	Socket, tube, octal, bot- tom mounting	Elco Sales Co.	600	RDA 58
	N/A	Socket for V4	Socket, tube, octa1, bottom mounting, mica, filled	Elco Sales Co. Philadelphia, Pa.	608	RDA 57
	N/A	Termina1	Terminal, stand-off	U.S. Eng. Corp.	1417	RDA 79
43	N/A	Termina1	Terminal, stand-off	Los Angeles, Calif. Nucleonic Corp. of America Brooklyn, N.Y.	RDA80	RDA 80
	N/A	Mounting board for L1	Plate, mounting, choke phenolic	Same as RDA 80	Dwg # GSA- 003	RDA 88
	N/A	Mounting board for C2	Plate, mounting, trimmer, phenolic	Same as RDA 80	Dwg # GSA- 004	RDA 78
	N/A	Rear panel of instrument	Panel, rear, aluminum	Same as RDA 80	Dwg # GSA- 005	RDA104

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	SYMBOL N/A	DESCRIPTION Tube lock for	SPECIFICATIONS Wire, Spring clamp	MANUFACTURER I Tublok Mfg. Co. Palo Alto, Calif.	MFGR PART NO. 102W	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDA 72
	N/A	Tube lock for V2	Wire, Spring clamp	Tublok Mfg. Co. Palo Alto, Calif.	103W	RDA 73
	N/A	Knob for S1	Knob, selector	Davies Molding Corporation Chicago, Illinois	#1610	RDA 71
44	N/A	Lock and 2 keys for shipping and storage case	Padlock, 2 keys, per MIL Spec FFP-101C, Type EPB	Eagle Lock Mfg. Co. Terryville, Conn.	04875s	RDU-10
	N/A	Absorber, flat, aluminum	Absorber, aluminum 4"x4"x1/32" thick	Nucleonic Corp. of America Brooklyn, N.Y.	RDU-1F	RDU-1F
	N/A	Absorber, flat, cardboard	Absorber, cardboard 4"x4"x1/32" thick	Same as RDU-1F	RDU-1G	RDU-1G
	N/A	Absorber, flat, lead	Absorber, lead, 4"x4"x 1/32" thick	Same as RDU-1F	RDU-1H	RDU-1H

	SYMBOL N/A	DESCRIPTION Absorber, cylin- drical, aluminum	SPECIFICATIONS Absorber, aluminum 2" dia x 6" long x 1/32" thick	MANUFACTURER Same as RDU-1F	MFGR PART NO. RDU-1I	NUCLEONIC STOCK NO. RDU-11
	N/A	Absorber, cylin- drical cardboard	Absorber, lead 2" dia x6' long x 1/32" thick	Same as RDU-1F	RDU-1-J	RDU-1-J
	N/A	Absorber, cylin-drical, lead	Absorber, lead 2" dia x6" long x 1/32" thick	Same as RDU-1F	RDU-1K	RDU-1K
45	N/A	Radium Beta- Gamma Source	Radium Beta-Gamma Source	Same as RDU-1F	RDU-1E	RDU-1E
	R30	V1B grid resis- tor	Resistor, fixed, composition, 1K, $\frac{1}{2}$ W, $\pm 10\%$	Same as R1	Type EB	RDA69
	TB7	Mounting Board for R30	Terminal Board	Cinch-Jones N.Y., N.Y.	51B	RDA70